

## Be Fat Free

Insure your mobile/temporary food unit is complying with the **City of Albuquerque's Sewer Use & Wastewater Control Ordinance**, and be a responsible member of the business community by managing used grease and grey water properly.



## Questions?

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## Prevent Storm Water Pollution

**The Rio Grande  
Depends on Your Help**



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## Grease Management



**A Hot Topic  
for Mobile &  
Temporary  
Food Units**

## Improper Disposal of Grease Can Co\$ Your Mobile Unit Restaurant or Temporary Food Booth\$\$\$\$



**D**id you know when grease and liquid wastes are poured into a storm drain it can cost mobile restaurants & temporary food unit owners/managers money? Mobile restaurants and temporary food units are responsible for properly managing used cooking grease, and liquid waste from their units collection tanks.

### What Goes Down the Gutter....Flows to the Rio Grande

Storm drains and arroyos discharge directly to the Rio Grande, thereby washing toxic pollution into the river. A significant amount, estimated to be **87%** of the pollution in the Rio Grande, comes from a build up of small amounts of contaminants from many sources, such as grease, oils and liquid waste.

### Why Should Mobile Restaurants & Temporary Food Units Care About Storm Sewer Pollution?

As a Mobile/temporary restaurant owner/manager, and a taxpayer you should be concerned about pollution in storm sewers because:

1. There are endangered species in the Rio Grande that can be harmed by pollutants.

2. Illegal storm sewer discharges could result in a fine or citation.
3. Managing used grease and liquids (wastewater) properly is the **law**.

### All You Ever Wanted to Know About Grease & the Ordinance



The City of Albuquerque's Sewer Use & Wastewater Control Ordinance  
**Section Illegal**

**Discharges Section 5-3-5-5(b)** "Illegal discharges include , but are not limited to unauthorized connection to any storm sewer ('74 Code 809-7-A,B) (Ord. 21-1885; Am. Ord.42-1990; Am.Ord. 42-1996)

Mobile/Temporary restaurant owners can be issued a citation and be held financially responsible for:

- ♦ **Not managing used grease properly**
- ♦ **Not dumping wastewater in legal discharge points.**

### Best Management Practices

Mobile and Temporary Food Units have two options for handling used cooking grease; **recycling used grease**, or letting it harden and **disposing of it as solid waste**. Below are some best management practices for mobile/temporary food units:



- ★ Use a reputable grease recycling company.

- ★ Get a manifest or receipt from the recycler for grease. Getting a receipt ensures that you can prove the used grease was handled properly by being recycled.
- ★ Pour grease into an empty container with a lid that is heat resistant. Allow grease to harden then put the container in the trash.
- ★ Sweep before mopping, so that food is not mixed with the grease that is being recycled.
- ★ If you are doing business at a special event, be sure to locate and use the grease and/or wastewater collection site to dump used cooking grease and wastewater.

### Grease Recyclers

AAA.....	345-3965
American Waste.....	344-0177
Atlas Pumping Service.....	898-3936
Valley Proteins.....	867-6363

### Grey Wastewater:

Must be disposed of at a legal discharge point. Dumping on streets, storm drains, alleys, parking lots, sanitary sewer manholes, and on the ground is prohibited, and may result in a fine.

### Legal discharge points are:

Residential toilet, sink, tub, or cleanouts.

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